THE

FINAL CONFESSION

OF

THOMAS NEIL. K.

I THOMAS NEIL, do at this awful moment, acknowledge the juſtice of the Sentence now going to be executed on me; and that I was preſent at the Murder of PATRICK MURPHY;---but I muſt declare, that it was againſt my Will, and from Threats of Deſtruction to myſelf, my Family, and my Property, that I have been brought to conſent to this wicked Conſpiracy. I further declare, that I never had any Knowledge reſpecting the Rev. Mr. O'Neil, of *Ballynacody*, having been a Party in any Conſpiracy whatſoever, or in any manner whatſoever; but that all I did ſay reſpecting him was merely on the Declarations of others, as I told Lord Loftus;--- I think I owe him this candid Declaration, at this dreadful moment.

I beg the forgiveneſs of all Men, and of my Creator.

I warmly conjure my deluded countrymen, to return to the ways of innocence and peace, and to abſtain from thoſe wicked aſſociations which lead them inſenſibly into crimes; and to give the only retribution in their power to their injured country, by making ſuch declaration of their wicked ways as may be the ſureſt pledges of their repentance; and which I have often declared before to many of them. I ſolemnly call all their attentions to my juſt though dreadful ſtate.

THOMAS NEIL.

PRESENT,
THOMAS O'CONNOR, *Vicar of St. Mary, Shandon.*
JOHN BOURCHIER, *Lt. Col. R. I. A.*
THOMAS TOWNSHEND.
GEORGE HAY, *Major E. F. Regt.*

N. B. This ill-adviſed, unfortunate gentleman, poſſeſſed landed property to the amount of £.500 a year, and perſonal property to the amount of £.5000.